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Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 21, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time, and the required fees, to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this document;

**Amendments to the sequence listing** begin on page 3 of this document;

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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